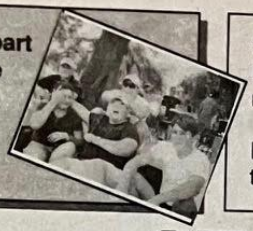
Students take part in the fun at the annual Beach Bash.



Reeling them in! Brother Aubert Memorial fishing rodeo.

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SSC Homecoming Court: A pretty picture

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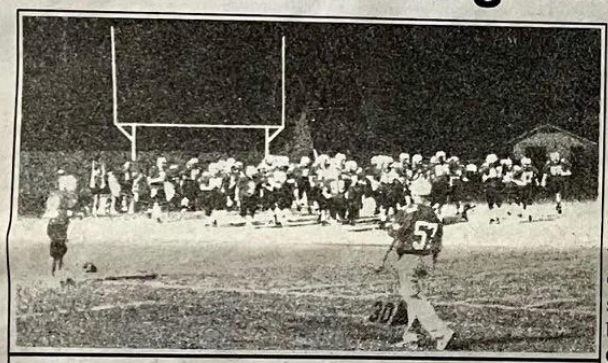
SSC Homecoming Game, Rocks win 27-21!



The SSC Varsity Football Team takes the field at their Homecoming Game.

By Patrick Clark

The SSC Rock-A-Chaws fought off the Oak grove Warriors for a 27-21 win. This game was rough but the Rocks fought for their win. The Rocks began the game with a pass from quarterback Jason Santiago to receiver, Steven Peterman, for a 7 yard gain. The Rocks defense was then able to hold the Warriors and force them to punt. SSC was hit with a mistake when they fumbled the ball on the punt.

The Warriors had possession on the Rocks' 17 yard line and were waiting to score; however, on the next play Cameron Bryne forced a fumble, which was nicely recovered by B.J. Peralta. Then with explosions by Kris Cannon, the Rocks gained 18 and 26 yards. Then a pass from Santiago to Peterman had a ten yard gain, but another penalty stopped the SSC offense.

Rock players B.J. Peralta and Louis West made big plays. This defensive playing put the pressure on for the offense to make some big plays as well.

The Offensive Rocks then showed they could make big plays too, with a 42-yard run by Kris Cannon. Then in only two plays Santiago hit Willis for a 28-yard touchdown pass. The score was then 7-0.

The Warriors weren't able to get anywhere against the SSC offense on their next possession. It wasn't long before the score was 14-0, in favor of the Rocks.

The Warriors blocked a punt by the Rocks and a touchdown was scored by Oak Grove. Santiago was intercepted, and the score was 14-14 near the end of the half. Another touchdown was scored by SSC, and the Rocks took a 21-14 lead.

This was SSC's homecoming night and after a great performance by the SSC band, the five nominees for Homecoming Queen were presented to the crowd. They were Megan Pigott, Colleen May, Raemona Welder, Rachel Taylor, and Jessica Velazquez. Out of all of these lovely ladies, Raemona Welder of Our Lady Academy was crowned Queen.

In the third quarter, Peralta and Peterman of SSC put pressure on Oak Grove quarterback, Brian Page, and forced an incomplete pass on a third down.

The Warriors made some great plays, and soon the score was 21-21. The Rocks' Kris Cannon made some great running plays and scored another touchdown. The score was now 27-21, and it would remain that way until the end of the fourth quarter.

Homecoming was complete for the SSC Varsity Football Team, Coach Dave Kenson and his staff.

Stephen Peterman scores a touchdown for SSC, but it is later called back due to a penalty.

Coast leaders meet with class of 2000

Guest speaker Father James Carter at the Senior Leadership Breakfast.

By Dawson McCall

On September 1st, the class of 2000 had the opportunity to meet with some of the outstanding leaders of our community and surrounding areas. The breakfast was attended by local business leaders, political representatives, and leaders in the Catholic Church. The guest speaker, Father James Carter, gave an eloquent speech on leadership, stating that trust is one of the key factors in being a leader. According to Father Carter, having the trust of one's followers is equally as important as having trust in one's followers.

Along with a beautifully decorated background, which added to the respectability of the atmosphere, the senior class seemed intensely interested in the subject at hand. "In a period of time in which leadership is being questioned around the world, the opportunity to meet and speak with some of the great successes of our community was a special and rewarding experience," said senior Todd Geary. Leadership is one of the major issues in the country at present. Hopefully the senior class of 2000 can lead this school into the Twenty- First Century with dignity, class, and pride.

Checkmate!

By John Sumner

Students engaging in chess play.

Students get together Monday through Friday for open chess play after school with Wednesday being a private meeting with official members only. Players include Jason Nicosia, Michael Everhardt, Randy Henderson, Michael Gemelli, and Matthew Burke. Mr. Cherota is the moderator for the chess team. This picture depicts a few students working hard trying to outsmart their opponents.

Senior Ring Night 99' - 00'

By Todd Geary

On September 7, around 7:00 p.m., our seniors gathered at Our Lady of the Gulf Church to embark on one of their first special senior ceremonies of the year. It was not just an ordinary ceremony though, it was combined with a Mass led by Father Peter Mockler and former Stanislaus graduate Father Dennis Carver. Father Dennis Carver and Brother Hingle both had given us their reflections on leadership. Their speeches were meaningful, well constructed, and had motivational points to them. After the Mass and leadership speeches, we were finally presented with our rings. Then the ceremony was concluded and we went to the Stanislaus Mall for the celebration.

Join the SSC Scuba Club

By Chase Behlen

On September 25th and 26th, the SSC Scuba Club took a trip to Florida where ten students received their Open Water Certifications. This added to the twelve from last school year who became certified. Included in club membership are students who were already certified before joining the club, and the membership is presently at twenty-five students.

Mr. Mike Schultz moderates the club. He stated plans for the divers. "Our intentions are to do about six weekend trips per year with perhaps a longer trip during spring break. On each trip, students will be able to work towards their Advanced Diver Certifications. There are five specialty dives involved in Advanced: Night, Deep, Navigation, Wreck, and Search and Recovery. By the end of the year, *every student should have* his Advanced Certification."

Destinations for the club are Destin, Panama City Beach, and possibly Pensacola. The club will probably participate in an oil rig dive at some point, and this will most likely take place off the coast at Gulf Shores, Alabama, or off the Louisiana coast.

Interested students may still join the club by contacting Mr. Schultz. Non-certified divers could receive certification by attending a class given by a local dive shop, and this would enable them to participate in working toward Advanced Certification.

Big Brother, Little Brother

By Garrett Mann

The Big Brother, Little Brother Ceremony is one of the most exciting events to occur during a senior year. Before anything happens, we are assigned our little brothers in an informal meeting in the gym. Later on that following week, we go to a ceremony that symbolizes unity in our community. Senior Todd Geary who will be attending The University of New Orleans says, "It is an honor to help influence somebody else's life." Geary has been a member of the St. Stanislaus Family for six years, and he called this event one of the most gratifying of the year. Senior Willie Golden commented on the experience, "It was great being with those little guys. I wish I could have three little brothers."

Big and Little Brothers singing at their ceremony

Coming soon...

Yes, another year has come around and that means it is time to play. Not really, though. The only playing being done will be by the cast members of this fall's drama production. It is an excerpt from Cyrano De Bergerac and is condensed into one act. Be on the lookout for bulletins giving information concerning the date and time of performance. Come and support SSC's acting elite.

SSC growing with the completion of the new computer lab

By Guy Van Slyke and Patrick Burke

With the dawning of the 1999-2000 school year at SSC, there is talk of a new day: a new football team, new Internet access, phone *lines and rumors of cable TV in* the dorms, new cafeteria food, and the long waited new computer lab. During the past summer, the former AV room got a total make over. It has been converted into an up-to-date technology lab. The twenty-six new computers compliment the array of Power Macs found in the older computer lab and in the library. A tech lab is a necessity for any school to keep up with quickly changing technological advances, and this one has vastly expanded the use of computers for every student.

Before the new lab was established, students had to rely on the ten computers in the library for their computer needs, not too good for a school with a student body of over four hundred. Finally the days of having to fight to get a computer in the library and completely missing lunch in the process are over! Students can use the new computers before school, during lunch, during break, and after school.

The lab lets students access the Internet with more efficiency. The new computers are Pelican and run off of Microsoft's Windows. The Internet connection is made with a T-1 line, which connects all of the school. The Internet is navigated with both Microsoft's Internet Explorer and Netscape Navigator; the computers are also faster and full of useful programs. Students have more academic options such as extensive research possibilities and faster typed reports with accompanying printouts.

The Brothers appear to have *really outdone themselves this* time. The new computer lab is superb. It is a great asset for all of the students at SSC, especially the boarders.

SSC students speak out about the computers:

"I do not know much about computers, but I know that, for the price they paid, they could have gotten some faster computers." Trey Schorr, freshman

"One big plus about the computer lab is the addition of Mr. Laiche to the faculty at SSC. He keeps the computer lab clean of viruses and up and running." Patrick Clark, junior

"With the computer upgrade and with access to the Internet from all of the computers in the computer lab, SSC is clearly moving on in the interests and needs of the students." Chase Behlen, junior

"Every day at lunch, there would be a waiting list of ten to thirty students to use the computers in the library, and my name would be on that list. I am very pleased with the new computer lab." Derek Fogarty, freshman

"It seems that the school actually listened to students' requests and gave them a more up-to-date and user friendly operating system." David Billiot, senior

Fishing Rodeo 99'

By Blake Bilbo

I saw it was a beautifully cloudy morning on Saturday, September 25, as I walked down the long SSC pier for the annual Brother Aubert Fishing Rodeo. Fishing rod, tackle box, and my lunch in my hands, I found out that sophomore Rick Marsh was the only student fisherman that had gotten there before me. As I looked out on the water, I was amazed to see a porpoise splashing around. Later more students began to gather. The fishing lines dropped in the water at 6:00 a. m., and very soon a wide variety of fish began to be hooked and caught. Speckled trout, white trout, black drum, ground mullet, red fish, robin fish, stingray, eels, and even oysters, had been reeled in. As the day rolled on the fishing started to get slower around noon and the sun popped out of the clouds. The most popular of the bait seemed to be the fresh frozen shrimp. Only at the last hour or so did the fishing start to get better. Finally at 3:00 the weights and sizes of the fish were tabulated and the winners were recognized:

- Ugliest fish – Michael Gemelli
- Biggest fish – Zack Delaney
- Heaviest total fish – Blake Bilbo (You don't think an expert fisherman like me would not get at least one of the places in this would you?)

So at the end of the rodeo, many people left to go home; others stayed and talked; still others kept on fishing. But no matter what, there are not many other things better in the world than carrying a big slimy bag of fish home from a hard day of fishing.

A state of the art program

By Guy Van Slyke

Brother Anton informed the Rock-A-Chaw of innovative math work in Mr. Gemelli's classroom, and so I talked with Saint Stanislaus Geometry teacher Mr. Mike Gemelli on October 12, 1999. Most of my questions were centered around the math teacher's ideas of introducing technology into the classroom…

Question: Mr. Gemelli, how do you plan on bringing technology into the classroom starting in the year 2000?

Answer: We are going to do two things starting in the year 2000. First, in Geometry we are gong to use Geometer's Sketch Pad, a computer program that allows us to figure area, angle measure, perimeter, and circumference. Second, in advanced math classes (such as Trig and Calculus), we plan on bringing PCs into the classroom in order to obtain access to mathematical web sites.

Question: Could you please share with us a little about these new Geometer's Sketch Pad we are hearing so much about?

Answer: It's a state of the art program that SSC purchased a site license to. This program allows any student to go into the computer lab and construct his own figures (such as triangles) and points of concurrency on his computer.

Question: Mr. Gemelli, your ACT prep courses have greatly helped many SSC students improve their Act scores and your Geometer's Sketch Pad promises to do great things. Tell, us do you have any more tricks up your mathematical sleeve?

Answer: Well, right now in my Trig and Calculus classes, I am working on bringing in business leaders to show a practical, hands–on mathematical approach to starting a business. Also, we will be playing the stock market game over the Internet this year. Other states have done this in previous years, but it is the first time teams from Mississippi have been given the opportunity.

Football stats

1999 *FOOTBALL STATISTICS* - 7 Games
OFFENSE

RUSHING

PLAYER	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
K.Cannon	132	965	7.3	9	88
J.Santiago	22	93	4.2	1	12
S.Benoit	11	69	6.3	0	33
C.Byrne	4	14	3.5	0	7
B.Rayborn	1	6	6.0	0	6
D.Sofianos	4	5	1.3	0	7
J.R.Willis	1	-1	-1.0	0	-1
B.Heath	3	-4	-1.3	0	0
A.Dunklin	3	-14	-4.7	0	2
Sacks	11	-92	-8.4	0	
TOTALS	192	1043	5.4	10	88

RECEIVING

PLAYER	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
J.R.Willis	26	264	10.2	2	29
A. Dunklin	16	331	20.7	4	43
B.Rayborn	12	259	21.6	2	80
S. Peterman	9	100	11.1	1	37
K.Cannon	6	101	16.8	0	28
C.Byrne	2	6	3.0	0	3
D.Kellum	1	19	19.0	0	19
J.Bruno	1	12	12.0	0	12
TOTALS	73	1092	15.0	9	80

PASSING

PLAYER	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	AVG	TD	INT	LONG
J.Santiago	134	73	54%	1092	8.1	9	7	80

SCORING

PLAYER	TD	FG	SAF	2PT	1PT	TOTALS
K.Cannon	9	0	0	1	0	56
A.Dunklin	4	0	0	0	0	24
C.Reymond	0	1/4	0	0	15/17	18
J.R.Willis	2	0	0	0	0	12
B.Rayborn	2	0	0	0	0	12
B.Lewis	1	0	0	0	0	6
D.Sofianos	1	0	0	0	0	6
S.Peterman	1	0	0	0	0	6
J.Santiago	1	0	0	0	0	6
TOTALS	21	1/4	0	1	15/17	144

PUNTING

PLAYER	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG
T.LaFontaine	17	483	28.4	50
M.Frost	4	99	24.8	34
TOTALS	21	582	27.7	50

K.O.RETURNS

PLAYER	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
D.Sofianos	1	32	32.0	0	32
S.Benoit	3	65	21.7	0	33
K.Cannon	6	114	19.0	0	28
J.McDonald	2	31	15.5	0	16
C.Byrne	2	27	13.5	0	14
B.Rayborn	1	5	5.0	0	5
A.Dunklin	1	0	0.0	0	0
TOTALS	17	275	16.2	0	33

PUNT RETURNS

PLAYER	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
B.Lewis	7	21	3.0	0	16
A.Dunklin	1	0	0.0	0	0
TOTALS	8	21	2.6	0	16

1999 *FOOTBALL STATISTICS* - 7 Games
DEFENSE

TACKLES

Player	Solos	Ast	Totals
C.Byrne	26	64	90
D.Sofianos	17	46	63
B.J.Peralta	12	34	46
J.Bruno	11	33	44
S.Peterman	15	25	40
H.Iiombo	11	27	38
W.Golden	7	28	35
G.Garcia	12	18	30
B.Lewis	11	17	28
M.Frost	6	21	27
M.Thibodeaux	6	19	25
H.Dawkins	7	12	19
A.White	1	12	13
A.Dunklin	3	9	12
J.Ellis	2	5	7
J.McDonald	2	4	6
L.West	0	6	6
J.Lewis	3	2	5
D.Kellum	1	4	5
S.Benoit	2	1	3
J.Basile	2	1	3
J.Santiago	2	0	2
J.R.Willis	1	0	1
A.Piazza	0	1	1
M.O'Neal	0	1	1
T.Fucich	0	1	1
K.Syovall	0	1	1
R.Williamson	0	1	1
TOTALS	167	395	562

TACKLES FOR LOSS

Player	No.
M.Frost	6.5
C.Byrne	5.5
M.Thibodeaux	4.5
W.Golden	4.5
G.Garcia	3.5
S.Peterman	3.5
H.Dawkins	2.5
B.J.Peralta	2.5
D.Sofianos	1.5
J.Bruno	.5
M.O'Neal	.5
K.Syovall	.5
H.Iiombo	.5
B.Lewis	.5
TOTALS	37

BROKEN PASSES

Player	No.
B.Lewis	8
S.Peterman	5
C.Byrne	3
G.Garcia	2
A.Dunklin	2
D.Sofianos	2
J.McDonald	1
D.Kellum	1
M.Frost	1
H.Iiombo	1
J.Bruno	1
TOTALS	27

HURRIES

Player	No.
M.Thibodeaux	4
A.White	2
G.Garcia	1
TOTALS	7

FUMBLES CAUSED

Player	No.
D.Sofianos	2
G.Garcia	1
H.Iiombo	1
G.Peralta	1
C.Byrne	1
TOTALS	6

FUMBLE RECOVERIES

Player	No.	Yds.Rec.	TD	Long
C.Byrne	4	0	0	0
D.Sofianos	2	55	1	55
B.Rayborn	1	0	0	1
G.Garcia	1	0	0	1
TOTALS	8	55	1	55

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	No.	Yds.Ret	TD	Long
B.Lewis	2	57	1	55
D.Sofianos	1	17	0	17
B.Rayborn	1	11	0	11
H.Iiombo	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	5	85	1	55

Swimming stats

Sept.8, Biloxi High School: Won 96-74
Sept.15, Gulfport High School: Won 103-67
Sept. 22, Harrison Central High School: Won 110-57
Oct. 2, Biloxi Invitational: 4th place
Oct. 6, Picayune Memorial High School: Lost 40-54
Pearl River Central High School: Won 77-12

Cross Country stats

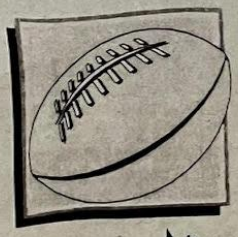
Aug. 26	Ocean Springs Meet Gulf Islands Nat'l Seashore Ocean Springs, MS	4 p.m.
Aug. 28	Pascagoula Meet I.G. Levy Park Pascagoula, MS	9 a.m.
Sept. 4	Cross-Country Challenge Municipal Park Mobile, AL	4 p.m.
Sept. 11	Biloxi Meet Hiller Park Biloxi, MS	4th Place
Sept. 18	Gautier	7th Place
Sept. 25	SSC/OLA Meet Buccaneer State Park Waveland, MS	10th Place
Oct. 1	Mandeville	7th Place
Oct. 16	East Central Meet East Central H.S. Hurley, MS	9 a.m.
Oct. 23	District Meet (J.H.&J.V.) St. Martin H.S.	TBA
Oct. 30	District Meet (Varsity) St. Martin H.S.	9 a.m.
Nov. 6	State Championship Meet Choctaw Trails Clinton, MS	10 a.m.

Junior High Football stats

SSC vs. West Wortham—lost in double overtime 22-16
SSC vs. St. John—won 16-12
SSC vs. Pass Christian—won 14-12
SSC vs. Poplarville— won 15-12
SSC vs. Bay High—won 22-0
SSC vs. North Woolmarket—won 43-0

Current record stands at 5 wins and 1 loss

Upcoming Games
Mercy Cross away Oct. 25



Major disasters on uncovered courts

Mitchell Fortenberry

By Garrett Mann and Kunal Patel

For the past some years, S.S.C/OLA tennis players have had to suffer by playing matches on courts that are hazardous to one's physical wellness, especially to someone's ankle. Most of the time when the ball hits a crack it will either bounce up about six to seven feet or skim the ground allowing the player to miss the ball. Senior Varsity team member Garrett Mann recalls, "I remember running after a ball that was lobbed over my head and when I thought it was mine, it hit a crack and bounced back and hit me. We lost that game. It was ridiculous!" You may think that it is funny, but what happens when the ball dies and someone steps on it running full speed? In my own personal experiences I have lost too many points because of the craters in the courts. But playing on these courts has its advantages as well. S.S.C/OLA are not the only teams playing on the court. There is always an opponent on the other side. The students have taken questionnaires about our facilities, and I know there were proposals to improve the tennis courts. Nobody that I knew wanted an indoor track, a high rise complex so spectators may watch a ball game from the sky, and that is maybe what the school has in mind. Improvements on the tennis courts, as well as better maintenance for the swimming pool are needed. I think and I believe that I speak for the majority of the students and parents that safety comes before pleasure."

George W. Bush

By Derek Fogarty

Of all the potential candidates for President of the United States, George W. *Bush is the best man for the job.* George W. Bush was born in Midland, Texas, on July 6, 1946. He married Laura Welch, a librarian who grew up in Midland in 1977. Bush has two daughters, Jenna and Barbara both 16. They live with their dog Spot and two cats, India and Cowboy. Bush is Methodist and has served on many charitable, business, and civic organizations. He served in the Texas Air National Guard; he was an F-102 fighter pilot from 1968-1973.

Bush's views on crimes are logical and tough. Bush created a ministry program for criminal rehabilitation. It's a twenty four hours a day Bible and value based pre-release program aimed at helping inmates attain a spiritual and moral transformation. It begins twelve to eighteen months post release after care to reintegrate inmates back into society. Volunteer church mentors will work with inmates to readjust and to keep them on the straight and narrow by knocking previous habits and friendships. Bush supports capital punishment for violent criminals who commit severe crimes. We must send a strong message that the consequences of violent criminal behavior will be swift and sure. Sadly enough some criminals are beyond rehabilitation.

Bush's campaign is accusing Vice president Al Gore of making a political issue out of the shootings in Texas. At a school library in Santa Monica, California, Gore took issue with Bush's belief that more gun control laws could not have stopped the gunman from killing seven people at a Fort Worth church. "How can you allow guns in church?" Gore said.

"I think American people are tired of politics trying to politicize every tragedy," Bush's campaign spokeswoman Mindy Tucker countered. Bush has said, "A wave of evil-not a lack of gun control laws-has caused rampant gun violence in America." "I don't know of a law-a governmental law-that will put love in people's hearts," the Texas governor told reporters at a news conference. Bush said "It's hard to explain how hatred lurks in somebody's heart to the point where he walks into a church where children and adults were seeking God's guidance and shoots them." "There indeed seems to be a wave of evil passing through America now. We as a society can pass laws and hold people accountable for the decisions they make, but our hopes and prayers have got to be that there is more love in society," he said.

Bush opposes abortion and would support a constitutional amendment making it illegal to perform an abortion procedure except in the case of rape, incest, and when the life of the woman is in jeopardy. Bush believes what I believe and what most people with morals believe that life is valuable no matter how much it is unwanted, or physically imperfect. I believe our society has the responsibility to defend the weak and the struggling.

In my editorial I touched upon a few of Bush's views. There are many more out there that I did not touch on and are equally as important and should not be overlooked. Bush, like all, has some down sides, but the up sides far exceed them.

Has prayer lost its meaning at SSC?

By: Patrick Clark

Every morning here at SSC we begin the day with a prayer, but how many of us actually listen to the prayer? It seems that saying this morning prayer and saying prayer before every class period have become chores that get in the way of more important things. In some classes prayer is forgotten about, and class just begins. In today's society, prayer in schools is a very touchy issue, but here at SSC we are free to pray without having to worry about persecution. So, why has it become a boring task we suffer through every hour?

Many of the prayers found in the prayer book come off as being really complicated and seem as if they are aimed over the heads of the students. I find that sometimes these prayers sound very bombastic, like poetry with no meaning.

Though all of the blame can not be put on prayer writers and the prayer book. If students really want to pray, they can pray anytime. When we say prayer every period, it tends to lose its meaning for many students. "It just doesn't mean anything," said Chase Behlen, a new student at SSC. Other students feel that they are just read at the wrong time, such as Garrett Mann who said, "Maybe prayers could be read during the middle of the day instead of first thing in the morning. It just isn't what you want to hear first thing in the morning." Though all students and faculty may not agree with Garrett's statement, it implies a need for a thoughtful look at this question.

I feel that teachers should try and put more emphasis on the prayer before each period. We should remember that one should not just read the prayer, but he should pray the prayer.

It's about a good teacher

By Todd Geary

Many teachers have special qualities that we appreciate and make them special to us, but one who stands out most to me is Ms. Richard. Ms. Richard's Drama and Speech classes incorporate a person's creativity with the knowledge and the discipline to develop it. In Ms. Richard's class, there are no feelings of inferiority or dislike between the students and the teacher, which makes students enthusiastic and interested in whatever we are studying.

Senior John Sumner said "Ms. Richard's class is very educational and in the long-run it will aid my efforts to become a famous actor in Hollywood." Another Senior T.J. McKeough said, "I liked Ms. Richard's class when D'mitri made Greek food." In Ms. Richard's class we get an even mixture of structured teaching with the freedom to experiment.

In Drama class Ms. Richard has taught us the improvisation processes, the theatre principles, and the story telling process. To get a better understanding of these aspects of Drama, Ms. Richard does exercises like giving us a random situation to improvise in, use the principles of theatre in plays, and create and act out stories. Overall, Ms. Richard has a great class that I would recommend.

Math Counts

By SSC Newspaper Staff

Do you like to solve long mind-boggling problems? Then I believe that you might want to join Math Counts. This is an organization for seventh and eighth graders who celebrate their appreciation for math. Brother Ronald Talbot, who has been the moderator of the group for the past two years, still teaches this organization. Eighth grader Andrew Waterman gave a comment to the paper. "It is a good experience because it makes you think more than you intend to." The team will compete in the district chapter during the spring. The Math Counts team is an excellent organization for those who like to think. So if you are interested, join the fun!

Current members of the team are Devin Besancon, Tyler Gallagher, Robert Goggins, Heath Hansell, Alyssa Jung, Ashley Lady, Candace Mixon, Amanda Monti, Courtney Schade, Tess Sison, Erin Stechmann, Lauren Veach, Andrew Waterman, and Parker Wishik.

Key Club update

By John Sumner

I recently had an opportunity to speak with senior and President of Key Club, Won Cho. Mr. Cho informed me about Key Club and all of their upcoming events that they have planned for this year at SSC.

John Sumner: What exactly is "Key Club?"

Won Cho: It is the International High School Service Organization. The one we work with is the largest in the world.

JS: What activities do you have planned for the future?

WC: Well, there is "Penny Power." This is where each individual class tries to get the most amount of pennies in their class jar. The other main activity is know as the "Ox Fest." This will be a dancing and DJ competition amongst the students.

JS: How would someone get involved in Key Club?

WC: Well, you go to our meetings on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. Then you will have to pay a fee of $10 and must have at least 15 hours of service.

JS: Last question, do you think Key Club will be a memorable experience for you?

WC: Yes, I enjoy it very much.

Other current Key Club officers are: Joseph Diggs, Vice President and Gary Leung, secretary. Brother David Landry and Mrs. Cynthia Clark co-moderate the club. Membership is still open.

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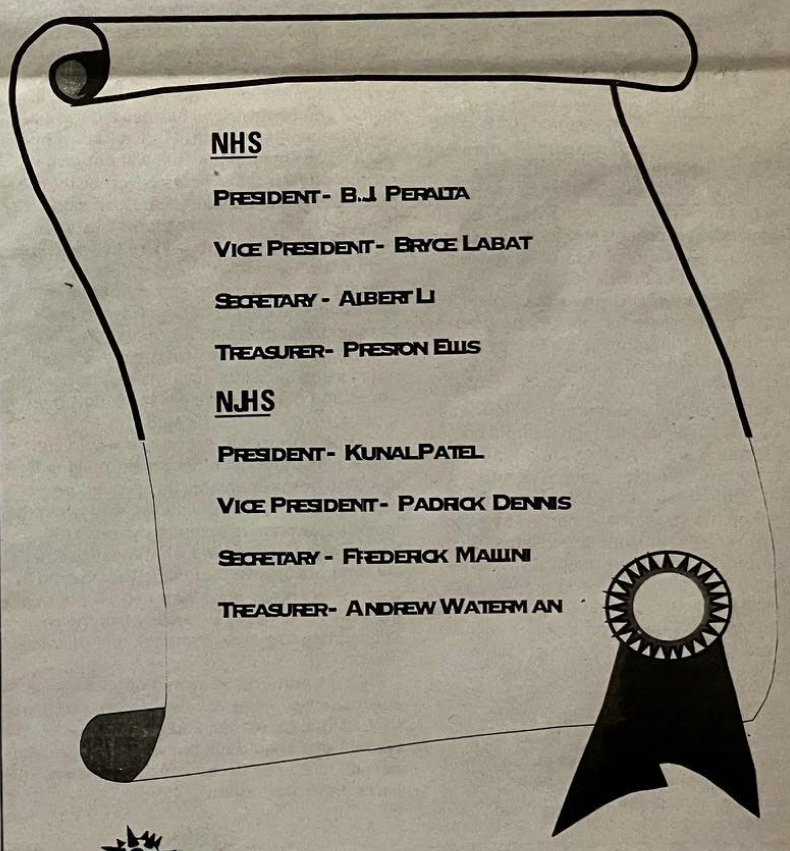

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It's a sixth grade life

By Blake Bilbo

Finding the sixth grade classroom is a bit of a journey. I volunteered to interview the sixth grade for the first edition of the Rock-A-Chaw, and so on a Monday morning I found myself trekking over to the glass doors next to the library where the sixth grade classroom is located. Mrs. Carol Gordon greeted me as I entered the spacious room with green carpet. She introduced me to the class of thirteen students. I directed my questions to them.

" Did you feel comfortable on the first day of school at SSC?"

" Yes," replied Shane who came here during summer camp. "I thought it would be fun," he added.

" As a class, are you planning anything big this school year?"

" We are going to do Hands-on-History, where we make Native American surroundings with twigs, sticks, clay, and stuff," Josh said enthusiastically.

" Did any of you ever have trouble finding your way around school?"

" Yeah," answered Chris, "the first couple of days I had trouble finding my way around. This is a big place."

" What's it like to be the youngest guys on campus?"

" Sometimes it feels like we're in kindergarten," said Daniel.

" The older guys sometimes stick up for you" added Bobby, "but at breakfast and lunch they push us out of the way."

" I like being little because I don't have to change rooms and we had the nicest room," said Daniel

" In science class, we have our own lab right here in our room," said Bobby with a smile.

" How about life in the dorms, guys?"

" Well," started Shane, "we have house rules, and the prefects are like our parents and they try to take care of us. We can have our own television sets, fishing rods, and skate boards."

" What are your favorite subjects?"

" Math and Lunch," voiced Austin, "when we have hamburgers."

" Is the class planning to read any interesting books?"

"Yes, answered Mrs. Gordon, "we have completed Castle in the Attic and are presently reading My Side of the Mountain; After Christmas we will study Greek Mythology."

Before I left the sixth grade, a few members of the class wanted to make some anonymous comments and requests:

" This school is pretty cool!"

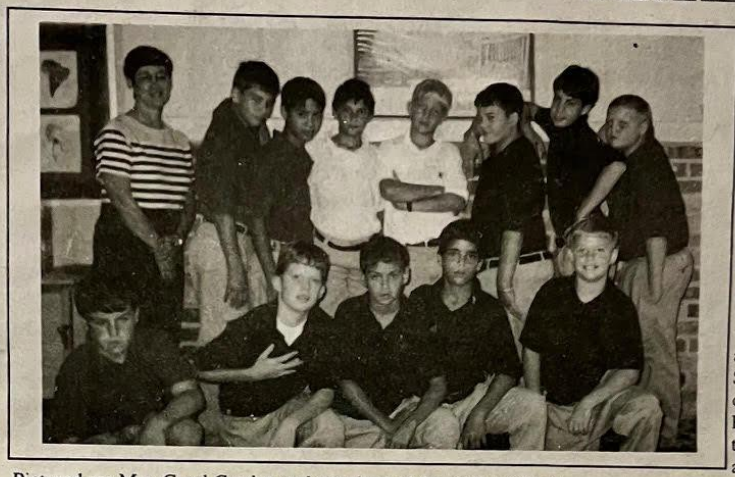
" I like the new lunches."

" We should be able to wear dress shorts."

" The uniforms aren't bad."

" I hate when I throw my candy around, and the prefects take it away."

Overall, the students were very polite and were not at all shy about being interviewed. Some of the students are from other states like Georgia and Florida and Danilo comes from the Dominican Republic. They all seem to get along well as a class, and as I left the room, I noticed how much of a good time I had spent with the kids. They behaved well, and I was surprised how much they wanted to go into journalism in future SSC school years. They were truly "little men of character."



Pictured are Mrs. Carol Gordon and members of the sixth grade class.

Brothers of the Sacred Heart Serving SSC: Brother Joseph Donovan

By Keith Crawford

When I arrived at the dorm for my interview with Brother Joseph, he greeted me with a firm handshake and a smile. He was kind enough to give his time, and he answered my questions in a humble and straightforward manner. I decided to ask him first about becoming a Brother of the Sacred Heart.

"When did you decide to become a brother?"

"I guess that happened sometime in the sixth grade. I really liked the Brothers teaching me. They were really nice guys. Then when my brother left, that's when I really decided to join."

"Why did you decide to become a Brother?"

"I enjoyed what they were doing."

"How long have you worked here?"

"I think this is my thirty-fifth year on the coast. I was once told that if the school had to pay one for all he does here, the school would be bankrupt."

"Brother, what are the jobs you have had here over the thirty-five years?"

"I have had them all, but I have not been a school president or vice-president."

"What jobs do you currently do?"

"I am the prefect for the seniors and I assist with academics."

"What do you like best about your job?"

"Dealing with the kids. It's fun interacting with kids. It's often the adults that are the difficult part."

"What is the most interesting or funny thing you can remember?"

"How dare you ask me a question like that! I can't really give specifics, but it's the stories that the kids tell when they are in trouble."

"What plans do you have for the future?"

"Whatever my Provincial tells me, I will do. I had thought of taking up nursing to help the older Brothers, but as I get older, that would be harder to do."

Brother Joseph and I concluded our interview, and I noted that he had not said a great deal about himself. He is a man who greatly impresses people, though. Here are some thoughts about him from people who work with him and know him well. Brother Chris said, " In the ten years that I have known Brother Joseph, I have learned a lot about how to teach kids lessons in life. His thirty-five years of experience is invaluable in the dorm where other prefects learn from him how to demand the best of the students. Practically every school year, former students come back to visit Brother Joseph. They enjoy sharing with him how their lives are going. This shows the great respect they have for him."

SSC President Brother Ronald Talbot called Brother Joseph the "Iron Man." "He is consistent and multi-talented. He has an ability to relate to kids over many years."

Ms. Kathie Marrione, secretary to Brother Ronald Talbot, offered her thoughts. "Brother Joseph's strength is tempered with a wonderful sensitivity. All you have to do is see him dealing with the boys; there's strength there and caring."

Principal Brother Ronald Hingle noted, "Brother Joseph is certainly a man who inspires me to be of complete service to our students. He's an inspiration and a model for me in many ways. He's also extremely gifted and talented. I don't know if there's anything Brother Joseph can't do."

Mrs. Ann Holder, a most familiar face here at SSC, said, "I worked with Brother Joseph for five years when he was the school disciplinarian. I consider him St. Stanislaus: he is St. Stanislaus. He is one of the finest individuals I've ever had the privilege of working with and knowing."

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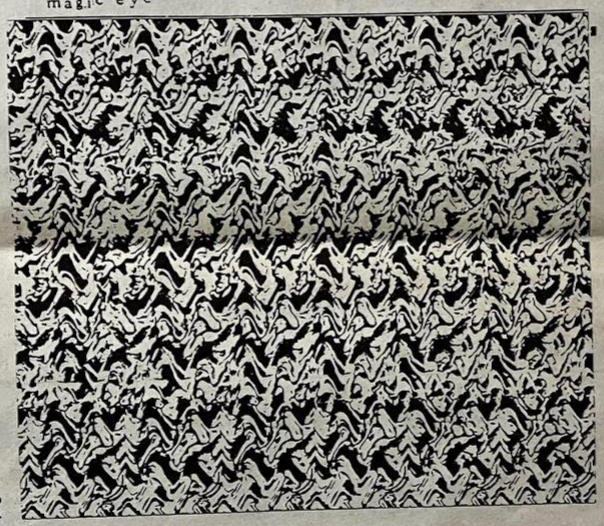

Footballs are made of pigskins

Hogwash! Footballs were never made of pigskin; the leather comes from cowhides.

Chinese checkers is Chinese

The game is a modern version of an old English game. There's nothing Oriental about it.

Fireflies are flies

Dancing lights on summer evenings are caused by the well-known firefly. What isn't so well known is that fireflies are beetles, not flies. Beetles are easily distinguished from flies by their hardened front wings. They also have a second pair of wings that folds under the front pair, when not in use. Insects classified as flies have only one pair of wings.

Oldest cake
The world's oldest cake is more than 4,000 years old. It was baked in ancient Egypt.

Walking at work
The ten occupations that require the most walking on the job are:
- police officer
- postal worker
- TV reporter
- nurse
- doctor
- store clerk
- secretary
- actor
- public relations ex
- real estate agent

All bees and wasps die after stinging

Honeybees die after their barbed stingers catch in the victim's skin and break off. However, many kinds of bees and wasps can sting more than once and not hurt themselves. Only female bees and wasps sting.

Litter
Cigarette butts are the most common type of litter. Chewing gum is another common type of litter and is illegal in Singapore.

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